

Application Number 10/775,500

Amendment responsive to Office Action mailed August 10, 2005

**REMARKS**

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated August 10, 2005. Applicant has amended claims 1, 2, 5, 9, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18 and 19. Claims 1-19 remain pending.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the phrase "input light source" in the claims and indicated that the phrase "input light beam" should be used instead. In response, Applicant has amended the claims to replace the phrase "input light source" with the phrase "input light beam" as suggested by the Examiner. This claim amendment is solely for clarity and is unrelated to patentability.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 8 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nishiwaki (US 5,307,184). However, the Examiner indicated that independent claims 1 and 17 would be allowable if the claims were amended to clarify that the spatial light modulator includes a set of controllable optical elements, e.g., as formerly recited in claim 2.

In this Amendment, Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 17 to recite that the spatial light modulator includes a set of controllable optical elements. Therefore, these claims are now in condition for allowance.


In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that independent claims 9 and 19 recite allowable subject matter. The Examiner indicated that these claims would be allowable if the phrase "input light source" were replaced with the phrase "input light beam." Again, Applicant has made this clarifying Amendment, per the Examiner's suggestion. Therefore, independent claims 9 and 19 are now in condition for allowance.

All claims in this application are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt allowance of all pending claims. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 09-0069. The Examiner is invited to telephone the below-signed attorney to discuss this application.

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